

CHARTER
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC COMMAND STRATEGIC ADVISORY GROUP

- A. Official Designation: The Committee shall be known as the United States Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group (hereafter referred to as the Group).
- B. Objectives and Scope of Activities: The Group, under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), shall provide the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, independent advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, intelligence and policy-related matters of interest to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the U.S. Strategic Command. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or designated representative may act upon the Group's advice and recommendations.
- C. Group Membership: The Group shall be composed of not more than 50 members who are eminent authorities in the fields of strategic policy formulation, nuclear weapon design and effects, weapon system capabilities and vulnerabilities, space operations, missile defense, national command, control, communications, intelligence and information operations, or other important aspects of the Nation's strategic forces. Group members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. § 3109, and their appointments shall be renewed by the Secretary of Defense on an annual basis. Group members shall, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation.

The Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command shall select the Group's Chairperson from the total Group membership. In addition, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or designated representative may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Group, and appoint consultants, with special expertise, to assist the Group on an ad hoc basis.

- D. Group Meetings: The Group shall meet at the call of the Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Chairperson, and the estimated number of Group meetings is two per year.

The Designated Federal Officer shall be a full-time or permanent part-time DoD employee, and shall be appointed in accordance with established DoD policies and procedures. The Designated Federal Officer or Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all committee and subcommittee meetings.

The Group shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b, as amended), and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Committee, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Group for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Group nor can they report directly to the Department of Defense or any federal officers or employees who are not Group members.

- E. Duration of the Group: The need for this advisory function is on a continuing basis; however, it is subject to renewal every two years.

- F. Agency Support: The Department of Defense, through the U.S. Strategic Command, shall provide support as deemed necessary for the performance of the Board's functions, and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of 5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended.
- G. Termination Date: The Group shall terminate upon completion of its mission or two years from the date of this Charter is filed, whichever is sooner or unless the Secretary of Defense extends it.
- H. Operating Costs: It is estimated that the annual operating costs, to include travel costs and contract support, for this Group is \$625,000.00. The estimated annual personnel costs to the Department of Defense are 6.4 full-time equivalents (FTEs).
- I. Recordkeeping: The records of the Group and its subcommittees shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and appropriate DoD policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act of 1966 (5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended).
- J. Charter Filed: March 4, 2008